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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On October 21, 2009, Christian Quevedo, age 27, and Carlos Carpio, age 27, both of Lincoln, Nebraska were indicted by a federal grand jury on tax fraud charges. The indictments remained sealed until their initial appearances in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2009. Quevedo and Carpio were indicted for conspiracy to defraud the United States by filing false claims for income tax refunds totaling \$121,936.00 for the 2005 and 2006 tax years.

According to the indictment, the claims for tax refunds were based on false income tax returns filed by individuals recruited by Quevedo and Carpio. The returns were false because they misrepresented the true identity of the employers of the individuals on whose behalf the tax returns were filed, and also inflated income and federal income tax withholding amounts of the individuals. The false returns were based on false Forms W-2 created by the defendants that contained fabricated names of employers, income and federal withholding amounts. Quevedo and Carpio were each indicted on one count of conspiracy to submit false claims for tax refunds and sixteen counts of submitting false claims for income tax refunds. According to the indictment Quevedo and Carpio caused the inflated income tax refunds to be paid by the IRS to them. They kept most of the money and paid a small portion to the individuals on whose behalf the fraudulent income tax returns were filed.

Christian Quevedo remains in custody pending trial. Trial is set for December 28, 2009. Carlos Carpio is in custody pending a detention hearing. If convicted on the conspiracy charge, Quevedo and Carpio could face a prison sentence of up to 10 years and a fine of \$250,000 each. For each false claim charge, if convicted Quevedo and Carpio could face a prison sentence of up to 5 years and fines totaling \$250,000 each. The investigation was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Name of Defendant: Christian Quevedo and Carlos Carpio

AKA: n/a

Age: 27

City of Residence: Lincoln, NE

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, NE

Location of Arrest:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$121,936.00

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: February of 2006 through April of 2007

Federal Arrest Date:

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: October 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: October 27, 2009

Plea Date(s):

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Trial on December 28, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Richard Kopf

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